IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	:	10/682,160	Art Unit	2611
Applicant	:	Ketchum et al.	Confirmation No.	8210
Filed	:	October 8, 2003	Customer No.	23696
Examiner	:	Linda Wong	Docket No.	030440

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 3, 2009, the time for responding having been extended to cover the date this paper is filed, please enter this response, and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension of time to extend the three-month shortened statutory period for reply as set by the Examiner to cover the date this Response is filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 17-0026 for the requisite 1-month extension fee of $130.00.